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## Revision of BIA's Part 83 "Procedures for Establishing that an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe."

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In Seattle we are very aware of the unrecognized status of many local Native Americans. The Chinook, Duwamish, Snohomish, Amah Mutsun and many other original inhabitants of our region are unrecognized, despite long histories of interaction and treaties with the US government.

The BIA should revise its procedures to be inclusive of all Native American groups with reasonable claim to historical existence and critical mass of representation. Denying unrecognized tribe's existence seems to be an unnecessary blockage that threatens our country's credibility. Please revise your procedures for quick recognition. Then there is a need for active engagement and dialog to figure out how to meet the needs of the Native Americans within constraints of BIA programs and funding.

Sincerely,  
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